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SUBJ: CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER'S VISIT TO USSR

REF: MOSCOW 11174, STATE 183526

1. WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY'S COMMENT THAT SCHEDULE AND  
ITINERARY PROVIDED BY PETROSYAN IS A BIT STRENUOUS BUT  
PROBABLY WORKABLE AS FAR AS THE LENINGRAD PORTION IS  
CONCERNED. SPECIFIC COMMENTS FOLLOW:

30 AUGUST (TUESDAY):

2100 - SUGGESTION OF HAVING LIGHT SUPPER AT AIRPORT  
VIP LOUNGE WHILE BAGGAGE AND FORMALITIES ARE ATTENDED TO  
MAKES SENSE. LOUNGE HAS ITS OWN DINING ROOM AND KITCHEN.

31 AUGUST (WEDNESDAY):

1030 - VISIT TO PISKARYOV MEMORIAL CEMETERY AT 1030  
IS FEASIBLE WITH DEPARTURE FROM RESIDENCE AT 1000, SINCE  
CEMETERY IS AT LEAST ONE HALF HOUR AWAY IN NORTHERN SUBURB.

QUERY FOR MOSCOW: DOES PETROSYAN ENVISAGE CHIEF JUSTICE  
LAYING WREATH AT CEMETERY?

1100 - CALL AT LENINGRAD CITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO BE PUSHED TO 1130 TO PERMIT TIME  
FOR RETURN JOURNEY FROM CEMETERY. A TOUR OF THE FORMER  
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MARINSKIY PALACE IN WHICH THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IS  
HOUSED IS INDEED WORTHSHILE IN ITS OWN RIGHT.

1200 - THE SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF LENINGRAD WILL  
PRESUMABLY HAVE TO BE PUSHED TO AT LEAST 1230. A GOOD  
OVERVIEW OF THE CENTER OF THE CIY CAN BE OBTAINED IN AN  
HOUR.

1330 - THERE WILL NOT BE MUCH TIME FOR LUNCH THIS

DAY, AND I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND MRS. BURGER PLAN TO LUNCH PRIVATELY WITH MRS. NEUBERT AND ME AT THE RESIDENCE.

1600 - IT TAKES AT LEAST FORTY-FIVE MINUTES TO DRIVE TO PAVLOVSK. IF THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND MRS. BURGER ARE TO HAVE ANY TIME AT ALL TO FRESHEN UP BEFORE GOING OFF TO THE THEATER AT 1930, THEY WILL PRESUMABLY WANT TO START THEIR RETURN FROM PAVLOVSK BY 1800. THEY WOULD THUS HAVE TIME FOR A QUICK LOOK AT THE PARK AND GARDENS AND PERHAPS UP TO AN HOUR TO VISIT THE RESTORED PALACE ITSELF.

1930 - WE WILL NOT KNOW WHAT MAY BE ON AT LOCA THEATERS ON THIS EVENING UNTIL AT LEAST AUGUST 20; BUT WE ASSUME THAT BURGER PARTY WOULD PREFER BALLET TO OTHER FORMS OF PRESENTATIONS. IS THIS CORRECT?

2200 - DUE TO LATENESS OF HOUR, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT CHIEF JUSTICE AND MRS. BURGER PLAN TO TAKE AN INFORMAL COLD SUPPER AT THE RESIDENCE.

1 SEPTEMBER (THURSDAY):

1230 - UNLESS CHIEF JUSTICE HAS SOME PARTICULAR REASON TO WANT TO SEE THE KAZAN CATHEDRAL, WE TEND TO FEEL THAT HE WOULD DO BETTER TO VISIT ST. ISAAC CATHEDRAL, WHICH IS NOT ONLY MAGINIFICENT STRUCTURE BUT CONTAINS MUSEUM OF CHURCH ART. KAZAN CATHEDRAL, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS A DARK AND SUTY PLACE DEVOTED TO A MUSEUM OF RELIGION AND ATHEISM WHOSE MESSAGE IS AN UNSWERVING AND DEPRESSING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ASSERTION OF THE INIQUITIES OF THE CLERGY UP TO THE TIME OF THE REVOLUTION. IT IS A PLACE WHICH EVEN LENINGRAD OFFICIALS SEEM EMBARRASSED ABOUT IN THIS DAY AND AGE; THEY NEVER TAKE VISITORS THERE IF THEY CAN POSSIBLY AVOID IT.

1400 - I WOULD SUGGEST THAT LUNCH BE MOVED BACK TO 1330 AND THAT THIS OPPORTUNITY BE TAKEN TO INVITE PETROSYAN, HIS INTEPRETER, AND PERHAPS SOME OF THE LOCAL SOVIET OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN THE VISIT (ONCE WE KNOW THEIR NAMES) ALSO TO LUNCH AT THE RESIDENCE.

2. IN THE END, IT MAY TURN OUT TO BE DESIRABLE TO SWITCH THE EVENING ACTIVITIES ON AUGUST 31 AND SEPTEMBER 1. IF THE MALIY THEATER FOLLOWS IT USUAL PROGRAMMING, THERE IS A BALLET ON THURSDAY EVENINGS. DINNER AT THE SADKO CAN, OF COURSE, BE ARRANGED EITHER NIGHT.

3. WE WILL MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS (ONE DOUBLE, ONE SINGLE) FOR MR. AND MRS. CANNON AND MR. LUTTIG, IF THE SOVIETS HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO. QUERY FOR MOSCOW: APPRECIATE YOUR CHECKING WITH PETROSYAN ON THIS POINT.NEUBERT

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